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Legislation for Veterans

Washington, DC: Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) has cosponsored the Retired Pay Restoration Act, a bill allowing disabled military veterans to collect both military retired pay and veterans disability compensation.

"This nation owes its veterans more than a debt of gratitude," said Musgrave. "It owes them proper compensation for their sacrifices as well. This bill provides those vets with service related disabilities money during retirement to help cover those extra expenses as a result of their sacrifice."

Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2003 will allow retired individuals who suffer from a service-connected disability to receive their disability compensation without having it deducted from their military retirement pay. Currently, 318 members of Congress are sponsoring this bill in the House of Representatives.

In addition, this legislation is supported by the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the

Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Retired Officers association, the Retired Enlisted Association, the Uniformed Service Disabled Retirees and the Military Order of the Purple Heart; also the Noncommissioned Officers Association, the Jewish War Veterans, the National Association of Uniformed Services, AMVETS and the Military Family Association.

"I support the veterans in Colorado and I am very appreciative of their dedication to this country and their years of service," said Musgrave. "As a mother of a sailor, I respect the challenges and risks of military service and will continue to fight in Congress for those who fought for us."

Marilyn Musgrave was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in January 2003, and she represents Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. Musgrave is a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, and Small Business. To learn more about Rep. Musgrave, please visit her website at www.house.gov/musgrave.